

GEORGE A. MILLER.

APRIL 20, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CALDERHEAD, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 5034.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5034) granting an increase of pension to George A. Miller, have examined the same, and adopt the Senate report thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass.

[Senate Report No. 1897, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5034) granting an increase of pension to George A. Miller, have examined the same and report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$17 to \$24 per month the pension of George A. Miller, late of Company G, Second Regiment, and second lieutenant Company F, Thirtieth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry.

The official military records show that George A. Miller, the claimant, enlisted May 23, 1861, as private in Company G, Second Iowa Infantry, and was honorably discharged for disability November 25, 1861. He reenlisted August 13, 1862, as sergeant in Company F, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry; promoted second lieutenant, same company and regiment, March 29, 1863; first lieutenant, September 18, 1864, and was honorably discharged and mustered out June 5, 1865.

Claimant is now receiving a pension of \$17 per month under the general law for malarial poisoning and disease of left testicle, which are the only disabilities proved to be due to his military service. He applied for increase December 29, 1902, but his application was rejected July 30, 1903, on the ground that his rate was commensurate with the disability resulting from pensioned causes.

Claimant is 64 years of age. He was last medically examined April 15, 1903, and found to be totally disabled for manual labor. The report of the examining board is in part as follows:

"This claimant is permanently disabled by hernia, varicocele, fissure, and general debility to incapacitate him for performing any manual labor, and is entitled to a rating of \$25 a month."

Evidence filed with this committee shows that claimant is a poor man without property or resources except his pension. He was a good soldier and served faithfully for over three years. An increase of his pension to \$24 per month is recommended on the ground of his present condition; it is not shown to be wholly due to his service and no higher rate is warranted.

The bill is reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass.